

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to accurately reflect the present application's priority data. Submitted herewith is a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mirroring the amendment to the specification.

Claims 10-29 are pending in this application and subject to examination. In the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, claims 10-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,799,157 to Escallon (hereinafter "Escallon") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,493 to Wojcik et al. (hereinafter "Wojcik"). The Applicant hereby traverses the rejection, as follows.

Claims 10-29 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

The Applicant respectfully submits that Escallon is not an appropriate reference for a rejection of claims 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Escallon has a filing date of **December 13, 1994**. The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/237,825, filed January 27, 1999, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/336,247, filed **November 7, 1994**, now U.S. Patent No. 5,986,690. The Applicant submits that the subject matter recited in the currently pending claims of the present application predates the filing date of Escallon. Therefore, Escallon is not an appropriate reference for the rejection of claims 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

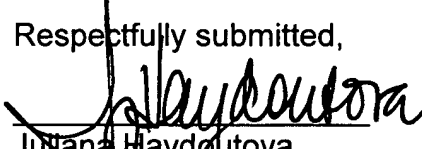
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending recite patentable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 026880-00034.

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Petition for Extension of Time (2 months)